REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 2, 2011. Claims 1-9, 35-39, 48, and 49 currently stand rejected. As explained below, however, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are definite and patentably distinct from the cited references, taken individually or in any proper combination. No new matter has been added by the amendment. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims of the present application.

A. Claims 1, 35, and 50 are Definite.

Claims 1, 35, and 50 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for allegedly being indefinite. In particular, the Office Action indicates that the claim recitation "wherein the at least one of the media file representations is enlarged relative to a size of the at least one of the media file representations..." is unclear. However, the Examiner appears to have not considered the entirety of the claim which clarifies the claim feature that is being recited. When considered in its entirety, the claim feature states "wherein the at least one of the media file representations is enlarged relative to a size of the at least one of the media file representations when the at least one of the media file representations is at a position that is not proximate the predefined position." This underlined portion brings clarity to the claim since it provides a reference from which the concept of "enlarged" can be measured. As such, when the media file representation is scrolled into a particular position, the media file representation is rendered as being larger than the media file representation was when it was not in the particular position.

Accordingly, one of skill in the art would be able to definitively construe and understand the bounds of the claims and therefore the claims are definite. The rejection of claims 1, 35, and 50 should therefore be withdrawn.

B. Claims 1-3, 7-9, 35-37, 39, and 48-53 are Nonobvious.

Claims 1-3, 7-9, 35-37, 39, and 48-53 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0125450 to Adcock in view of U.S.

Patent Publication No. 2005/0091596 to Anthony. However, the cited combination fails to teach or suggest all of the elements of the claims and the claimed invention is not an obvious variant of the cited combination.

Independent claim 1, and similarly independent claims 35 and 50 recite, "permit scrolling, within the media view, across the plurality of columns and the associated times, and permit scrolling through the at least two media file representations included in the column within the media view. In other words, within the same media view, scrolling across time-oriented columns and within those same columns is permitted. For example, a user may scroll horizontally through the time-oriented columns to select a column associated with a particular time. Then, within the same view, the user can scroll through the media file representations that are within that selected column. This concept of providing a single media view that organizes media file representations with respect to time, supports both types of scrolling, and enlarges particular media file representations based on the position is not taught or suggested in the cited references.

The cited combination relies upon the content of Adcock to address the scrolling-related features of the claims. However, Adcock, alone or in combination with Anthony, fails to teach or suggest the two types of scrolling indicated in the claims in a single media view.

To reject the claims, the Office Action largely relies upon the content and textual support for FIGs. 4 and 5 of the Adcock (reproduced below). When addressing the feature of permitting

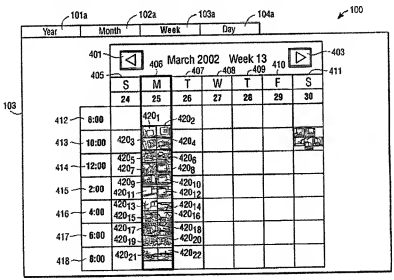


FIG. 4

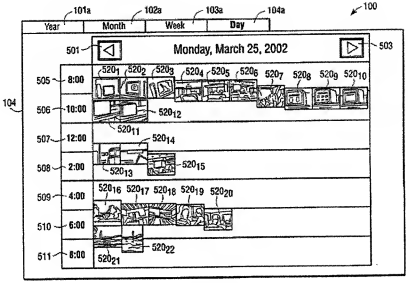


FIG. 5

scrolling through columns, the Office Action cites to these figures. However, it does not appear that either of the figures disclose the ability to scroll though a plurality of columns, while also permitting scrolling through a plurality of representations within a column, using the same media view interface. FIG. 4 appears to permit scrolling horizontally through days of the week, but does not indicate that any type of scrolling through items within the columns for each day can be performed. Further, there is no indication that the display view of FIG. 5 includes a plurality of columns associated with respective times or the ability to scroll through columns. Further FIG. 5 fails to present a plurality of columns, but rather displays only a single daily time-oriented column. As such, the display views of FIGs. 4 and 5 (which have been correlated to the media view of the claims) do not support all of the features of the claims, within a single view as recited in the claims. As such, Adcock fails to teach or suggest these features of the claims.

Combining Adcock with Anthony also fails to address all the features of the claims. Anthony is relied upon merely to address the enlargement of media file representations. Anthony therefore fails to teach or suggest the deficiencies of Adcock indicated above, and Anthony was not cited for this purpose. As such, reliance on the combination of references also does not cure the deficiencies.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 35, and 50, and their respective dependent claims, are patentable over the cited combination for at least the reasons provided above. The rejection of claims 1-3, 7-9, 35-37, 39, and 48-53 are overcome.

C. Claims 4-6 and 38 are Nonobvious.

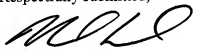
Claims 4-6 and 38 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adcock and Anthony in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,301,586 to Yang. However, the cited combination relies upon Adcock and Anthony for disclosing the same features as described above with respect to the rejection of the independent claims. Since Adcock and Anthony fail in this regard, and Hayashi does not cure the deficiencies of Adcock and Anthony (nor is Hayashi cited for this purpose), dependent claims 4-6 and 38 are patentable over the cited combination due at least to the failures of Adcock and Anthony. The rejections of claims 4-6 and 38 are therefore overcome.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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